THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b). University Grants Commission has informed that the Commission at its meeting held on July 31, 1996 reviewed the status of implementation of Reservation Policy for SCs/STs in Central and Deemed Universities and, inter-alia, decided that Special recruitment drive may be launched to fill up the teaching and non-teaching reserved positions and the UGC may be intimated about the steps taken by the University. A copy of advertisement, appearing in the various newspapers, should be sent to the UGC. The posts falling vacant under the roster should be filled only by SC/ST candidates and should not be de-reserved without following Government's regulation in this regard.

The Commission's decision has been communicated to all Central University/Deemed Universities in October, 1996.

[English]

Anti Sea Erosion Work Kerala

2355. SHRI V.M. SUDHEERAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the need for massive anti-sea erosion works in States like Kerala;

(b) if so, whether the Government propose to provide adequate Plan outlay for comprehensive anti sea arosion scheme to cover the entire coast lines in Kerala State which remain to be protected and to make improvements to the Sea wall already constituted;

(c) whether the Union Government have received certain schemes for undertaking anti sea arosion works as an interim measure from Government of Kerala; and

(d) if so, the immediate steps taken to clear such schemes and provide financial assistance to the State?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) According to assessment made by the State Government, about 480 km of the coast out of total coastal length of 560 km in the State of Kerala is vulnerable to erosion. The schemes to mitigate this problem are undertaken by the State Government.

(b) Central loan assistance to the States for anti-sea erosion has been discontinued beyond 1991-92 as decided by N.D.C. The Working Group on flood management for IX Plan has recommended a provision of Rs. 150 crore in Central Sector for anti sea erosion works of critical nature.

(c) and (d). The Government of Kerala had requested Planning Commission for special Central assistance of Rs. 22.55 crore for anti sea erosion works, river protection and desilting works. Since the works were essentially of maintenance in nature, the State Government was requested to meet this requirement from non-plan funds of the State.

Constitution of SLM Authorities

2356. SHRI PARASRAM BHARDWAJ :
SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Union Government have issued guidelines to all State Governments to constitute State Literacy Mission authorities to decentralise the literacy programme and to finalise the project at the State level;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the States who have formally constituted and registered such State Literacy Mission authorities; and

(d) the time by which the remaining States are likely to constitute such authorities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some of the salient features in the guidelines for setting up State Literacy Missions (SLMs) are :-

(i) The SLM will be registered body with a proper constitution with Memorandum/Articles of Association and Rules/Regulations.

(ii) It will have a General Council and an Executive Committee.

(iii) It will have a Project Approval Committee for sanctioning projects.

(iv) The State Directorate of Adult Education will function as the Secretariat of SLM.

(v) The powers to sanction projects will be developed to SLMs only after ascertaining the commitment of the State Governments at the highest level for literacy and education programmes and only when at least 50% of the sanctioned Total/Post Literacy districts have recorded satisfactory achievements.

(c) The States which have set up and registered the SLMs are Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh.

(d) All the remaining States have been requested to set up the State Literacy Missions at the earliest.

Protection of Monuments in Delhi

2357. SHRI K.S. RAYADU : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether several monuments in Delhi are not